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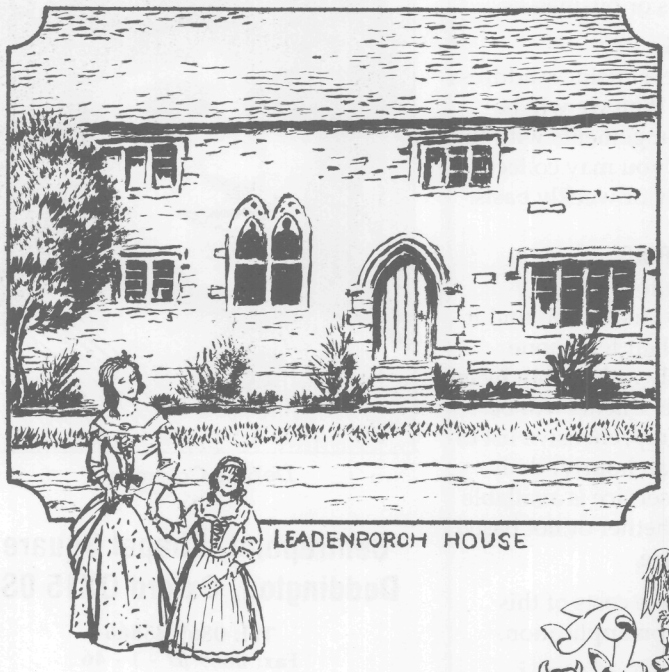

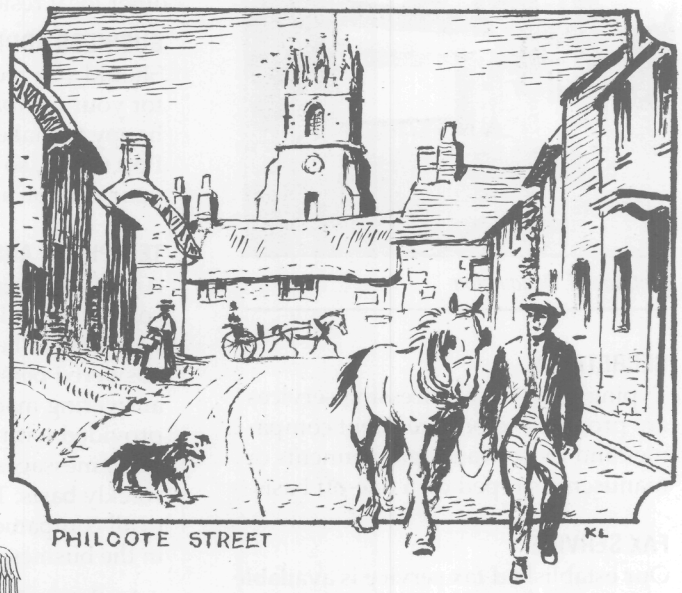

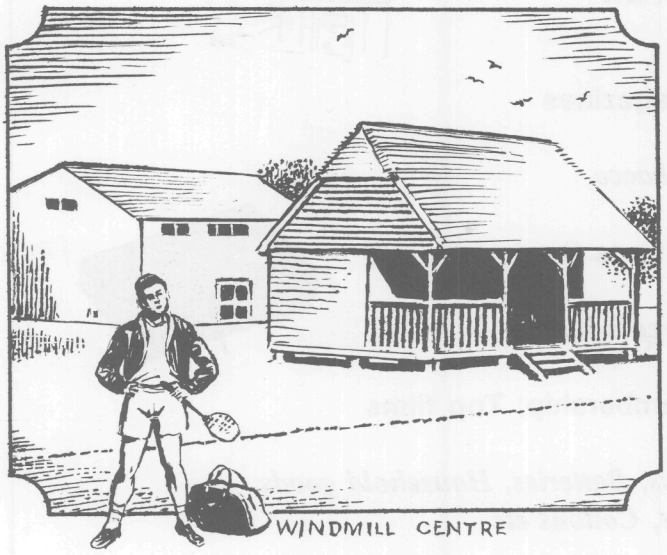

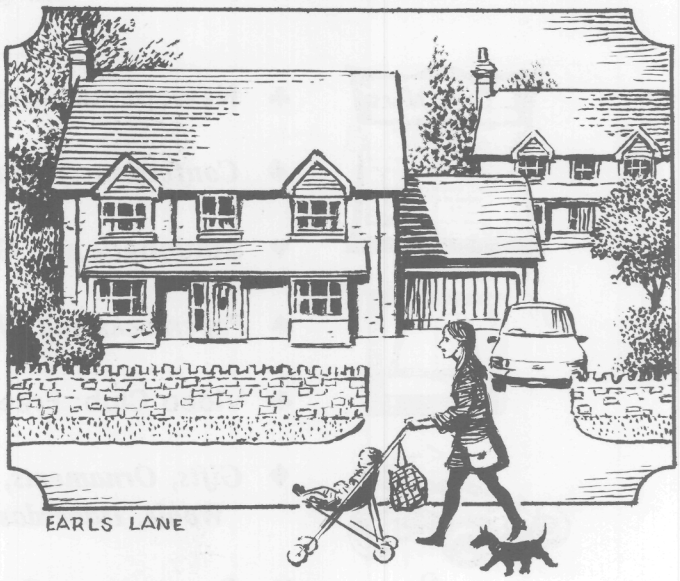

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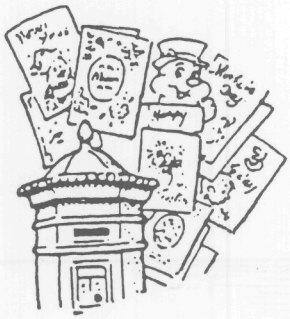

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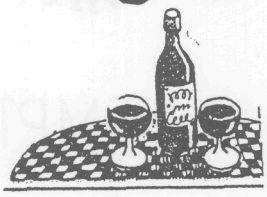

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EDITORIAL

So we no longer have an empty hole on our cover! This month the DN focuses on our distant past and immediate future. The Coat of Arms ceremony on 16th April in the Parish Church (p.5) was splendidly dignified, as indeed were many familiar local figures attending it. It was good to learn that I am now one of "Deda's people", whose day this certainly was and, despite chill winds, a great many of us were there: bouncing in the Bouncy Castle; hurtling at the Fly-on-the-Wall; nibbling barbecued fare or delectably sticky cakes; stroking the Microlite and sleek Veterans (cars I mean!); puffing up the Church Tower; bargain-finding among the many stalls - not forgetting the Library; admiring our handsome Fire Service, and the skills of our talented arts and craftspeople; tapping feet to Morrells Kidlington Concert Brass or the Pearly King and Queen, and swaying along with the Charlbury Morris Dancers. For one of Deda's newer people it was a Day to Remember.

Now, very soon, it's the Parish Council elections. Nor is there any excuse for us to say we don't know who's who; we can read about all 16 candidates, on pages 2-3. It's up to us now to heed our Parish Council Chairman's urgings to get out there - and VOTE (and if we don't, say I, not to moan about the results.)

Sadly, this issue is the last in which Norman Stone writes as our Parish Correspondent, though I suspect he will not easily escape the DN clutches. Our thanks to Diary Editor Jean Flux who takes his place.

The excellent Local Bus Timetable insert was researched by John Neild. To the Deddington Football Club - CONGRATULATIONS on your historic achievements (p.12). April 1994 will indeed be a hard month to match...

Sylvie Spenceley Nickels

MAY DIARY

Wed	4	U3A:Mr Fox on Gliding & Soaring. Bring and Buy, 2.30 p.m., Windmill Centre.
Th	5	PARISH COUNCIL AND MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.
Th	5	Banbury Art Society: John Beaman on Watercolour, Marlborough Rd, 7.30pm.
Sat	7	Car boot sale in school playground in aid of Children's Church .(p.9)
Sun	8	Emperor String Quartet in St. Mary's Church, Adderbury, 7.45 p.m.
Tu	10	WI, Resolutions ,The Holly Tree Club, 7.30p.m.
Wed	11	ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AND PARISH APPRAISAL,Windmill Centre,7.30p.m.(p.7)
Th	12	Learn about Lipreading, the Holly Tree Club 10.30a.m..(p.8)
Fr	13	World Concern Group with guest speaker, Wesleyan Reform Church, 7.45p.m. (p.10)
Fr	13	First of weekly coffee mornings in aid of Katharine House. (p.8)
Sat	14	Bowls Club plant, cake & produce stall, Market Place.
Sun	15	Concert in St. Mary's Church, Adderbury, 7.45 p.m.
Mon	16	Deddington Singers Musical Evening, the Holly Tree Club, 7.45p.m. (p.13)
Tu	17	COPY DATE FOR JUNE DEDDINGTON NEWS.
Wed	18	Annual meeting of Parish Council, Windmill Centre, 7.30p.m.
Wed	18	U3A:Mrs R Howard on "A Child in Nazi Germany, 2.30 p.m, the Windmill Centre.
Th	19	Traidcraft day, Grove House, High Street (P.10)
Sat, May 21st - June 5th:		Deddington Town Hall; "Shape Art" exhibition by local craftsmen. (p.13)
Sun	29	Concert by the Medici String Quartet, St. Mary's Church, Adderbury, 7.45 p.m.
Mon	30	Deddington Town Football Club event at the Castle Grounds.
Mon	30	Copper Trail, Hempton (p.14)

For JUNE DIARY, see page 14

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Message from Terry Clinch, Chairman, Deddington Parish Council.

The Parish elections are only every four years and it is most important that you take this opportunity to vote into office those standing whom you feel will best serve the Community. In this election, 16 parishioners have put their names forward for consideration and 14 will be elected.
I have the impression some of you are put off voting because you believe it is required you vote for 14 candidates. This is not so. You may vote for between 1 and 14, thus choosing just the people you think will best serve the Parish. Your response in completing the Parish Appraisal was terrific. May I ask that you please make the effort again on May 5th and so ensure we get the best possible PARISH COUNCIL to serve for the next four years.

THE CANDIDATES - in their own words.

KEN BOWEN - Resident for 19 years. Works in the High Street garage. Councillor for 4 years, including on Environmental Committee. Strongly committed to village, particularly the environment; instigated flower beds and hanging baskets. Against too much building and speeding.

GABRIELLE (Gay) BREWER - Married and living in Philcote Street, where recently I succeeded in obtaining improvements to the surface water drainage system. Have represented a local community protecting needs and rights regarding a major local development. Served on Community Centre/Youth Club Management Committee (chaired Advisory Council). I feel I could contribute to the Parish Council and to the villages of Deddington, Clifton and Hempton.

BRYAN CLARKE - Deddington born and bred. Worked at Parker Knoll, Chipping Norton for 27 years. Regular member of Deddington football club for 30 years. Have represented the Council on the Windmill Committee. School Governor for the last 4 years. Have taken an active interest in sport for the younger members of the Parish, managing an under- elevens FC team for many years.

TERRY CLINCH - Parish councillor for 4 years - Chairman for the last 12 months. Against modern housing developments, speeding traffic, litter, dog fouling. For low cost housing, Holly Tree Club, self - financing Windmill Centre, traffic calming, bus tokens for the elderly, village toilets, extension of castle grounds should land become available, encourage full use of the many facilities within the Parish, minimum precept.

RON COLLEY - I have lived in Clifton for 11 years and would be pleased to represent Clifton on the PC. Have 3 children, two at Deddington school, one at the Warriner. Have worked on the Deddington School PTA for 3 years and am currently Chairman. Also have been involved in a number of charity fundraising events locally and nationally.

BILL DRAKE - I stood because it seemed unlikely that there would be sufficient candidates to ensure an election. Parish Council powers are limited but I think that the decisions they make should be taken by people for whom we can all vote. I have no particular axe to grind or qualifications but hopefully a lively intelligence and an irreverent sense of humour.

JOAN FISHER - My family have lived and farmed in the village since the 1890s. I would like to see the village prosper as a rural community and not descend into an urban nonentity.

A.F.F.(JIM) FLUX. Has owned a house in Deddington for 22 years, retired early 5 years ago from International Management. Has led the Parish Appraisal group which recently submitted its report. Keen to follow up on the results. Parish Church member, Bellringer, a Governor of Deddington School. Helped restart the Deddington Players, who organise village pantomimes and other events. Involved with Voluntary work.

BETTY HILL - I have lived in Deddington 29 years. I am an architect (retired), potter and gardener. The last 4 years as Parish Councillor have been both rewarding and frustrating. Ever the optimist, my hope is that in the next 4 years Parish Councils will have more influence on issues affecting their Parishes.

BARBARA LEE - lived in Deddington for 10 years, School governor, and Church Councillor for the last year. Meals on Wheels volunteer for many years. As your Parish Councillor my interests are: local planning, environment, traffic, and rights of way. Money has been spent to good effect over the last few years; now I believe the Council must concentrate on good management.

NIGEL ROBERT ODDY - Deddington resident 23 years, Director of Catalina marketing (UK) Ltd. He and Sue have owned and run the Kings Arms for three years. Parish Councillor 4 years, two as Vice-Chairman, one as Chairman. Strong supporter of: low cost housing, Deddington as a working-place (light industrial development), careful housing development (in-filling destroys village character), well-managed recreational facilities for everyone.

THE CANDIDATES continued.

LUCY PARKER - Horn of Plenty - as a resident and working in Deddington, I would support the prevention of further housing developments to preserve the village and protect the community spirit. However, with the community in mind, low cost housing would be a valuable asset. We are fortunate in having good recreational facilities that must be well maintained and developed.

MARK ROWLAND - Settled in Deddington 3 years ago, married with 3 young children. Junior partner for an independent financial advisory practice based in Kidlington. Have taken part in a number of social activities. Feel the Parish Council is an important part of the village community life and it is good to have fresh ideas introduced for the benefit of the whole Parish.

JOSEPHINE STEVENS - The Sycamores, Hempton Road, Tel 38305 - I have served on the Parish Council for 5½ years and have endeavoured to act responsibly on Parish affairs, making myself available at all times. Having been born in Deddington I am well acquainted with the Parish and shall if re-elected continue to support the needs of the Parish.

PAT SWASH - has lived with her husband and two grown-up children in Deddington since 1982. During the last 8 years in which she has served on the Parish Council her particular responsibilities have included Best Kept Village and anti-litter campaigns, transport and planning. To most villagers she is known as an assistant at the Post Office in Deddington.

GEOFF TODD - Resident 10 years. Currently Vice-Chairman of PC. Former senior police officer, now employed by Cherwell District Council. Executive Committee member of the County Associations of Local Councils and Young People. Charity fund raiser. As a member of the Parish Appraisal Team I feel it is essential the incoming PC recognises the appraisal's findings concerning environment, development and the use of assets.

THE HORTON SCANNER APPEAL - The Horton is trying to raise £500,000 to buy and maintain its own body scanner (at present residents of this area have access to a visiting mobile scanner once a week). The scanner would be of vital use in the accident and emergency department, as well as enabling early diagnosis of many diseases. So far £271,000 has been raised. Opportunities to support the fund include Banbury Fun Day in Spiceball Park on 19th June, the Hospital fête on 9th July, and street collections on 10th September.

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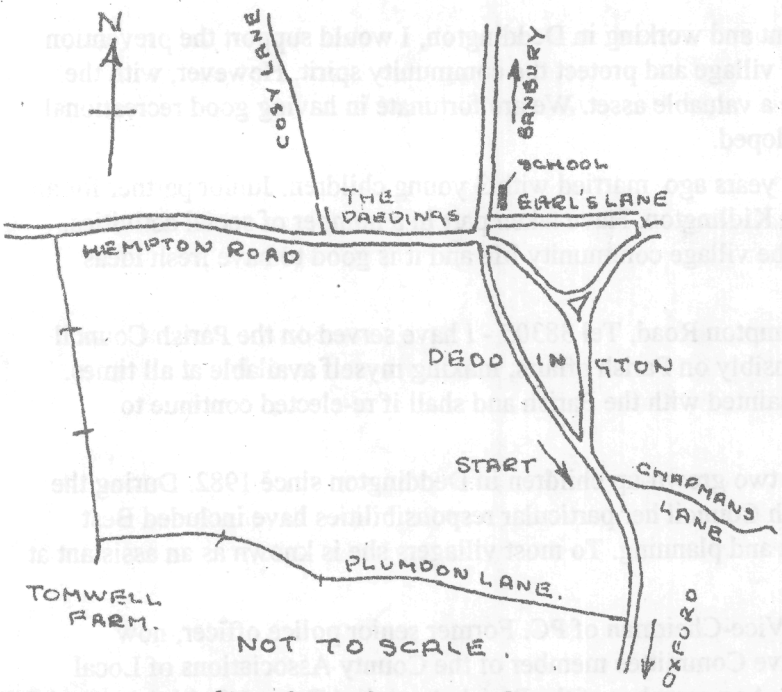

WALKING AROUND DEDDINGTON with Ralph Elsley

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At the south end of the village there is quite a good footpath on the left hand side of the Oxford Road. It is about a quarter-mile long, but in late summer protruding branches can force you out on to the busy and dangerous road. You then have a rather less easy passage along the grass verge for about the same distance. In the growing season the grass and nettles here can be too dense to get through. This takes you to the summit of the hill which provides a good view either way to enable you to cross to the first opening on the right hand side of the road, the steepish and rather muddy entrance to Plumdon Lane.

Great caution is needed in crossing the main road. Plumdon Lane must be about a mile long and, except in the wettest weather, is wide enough to negotiate without much trouble. The first section has a high hedge on the right through which there are occasional glimpses of the village across undulating fields. The next section has low hedges on either side, at the end of which one begins to enjoy some beautiful views to the South. This continues as one skirts open fields and approaches Tomwell Farm. It was along here that Ken Hart reported seeing a number of deer last August. You may be greeted by a friendly black dog that thoroughly enjoys retrieving a stone or two. He will politely say farewell to you at the sudden sharp turn to the right on to the roadway - just over half a mile in length - that delivers you to the Hempton Road. You are unlikely to be troubled by any traffic, but the going can be uncomfortable if the wind is from the North.

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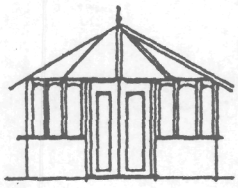

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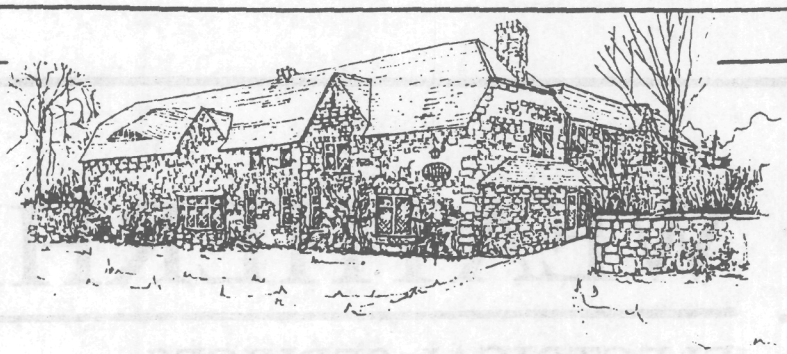

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COAT OF ARMS DAY AND PUDD'N'PIE FAIR

Nine hundred years after Deddington was recorded in Domesday Book, and 1400 years after Deda founded his settlement, the Parish of Deddington, Clifton and Hempton received its own Grant of Arms. If you missed the ceremony in the Parish Church on 16 April, you missed colour, spectacle and drama. Trumpets sounded, church bells rang, the organ thundered. The Lord Lieutenant, the Bishop of Dorchester, and Chester Herald of Arms all did their stuff magnificently, but the best speech came from our own Terry Clinch, Chairman of the Parish Council. George Fenemore was a convincing Master of Ceremonies. The handing over of the Letters Patent (the actual Arms) was videoed and photographed. Ted Johnson, James Marmion, John Neild, Josie Stevens, Angela Waller and Derek Wincer stewarded with unobtrusive efficiency.

A splendid occasion; sadly neither Joan Robins nor her husband Frank (usually known as Mick) lived to see the culmination of their great initiative. How they would have enjoyed it. They were proudly represented by their daughter Catherine. Another notable absentee was John Brooke-Little, Norroy and Ulster King of Arms, whose sterling work in seeing the Grant of Arms through to completion was curtailed by illness. We wish him a speedy and full recovery. Fortunately, his wife Mary kept up the momentum. She was present as an honoured guest, and John's place on the platform was ably taken at short notice by Hubert Chesshyre, Chester Herald. Others present in church included local MP Tony Baldry, CDC Chairman Norman Matthews and Chief Executive Grahame Handley, and District Councillor Peter Davis.

After the ceremony, the Lord Lieutenant unveiled the Town Hall replica Coat of Arms, which had been donated by William Bidgood and Christopher & Ann Watts, and painted by Alan Gibbs. Then came the official buffet lunch at the Holcombe Hotel, courtesy of Carol and Chedly Mahfoudh.

Pudd'n'Pie Fair was great fun, in spite of the biting wind, with stalls and activities all around Deddington Market Place and as far afield as the Library. Jim Flux and Ken Bowen personally thank everyone who took part - and I think we all owe special thanks to Ken for his work on the Fair and Jim for his 100% involvement in so many directions. Many thanks also to the Coat of Arms Committee, to Arthur Lewis, Dennis Freeman and the Guard of Honour, and to all who participated. Souvenir programmes, sponsored by 15 local firms, were sold by many stall keepers, local shops and pubs.

NORMAN STONE

Some programmes are still available at Tuckers Country Store and Deddington Library. Why not send one to distant relatives and friends? Be proud of our unique distinction. Tuckers also have commemorative china tankards - and if you want a limited edition silver spoon, ask David Blakey (37447). Better be quick - supplies may soon run out.

DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

IMPORTANT EVENTS IN MAY

Thursday	5 May	Parish and Local Council Elections
Wednesday	11 May	Annual Parish Meeting 7.30pm, and presentation on Parish Appraisal. Windmill Centre.
Wednesday	18 May	Parish Council AGM, Windmill Centre, 7.30pm

NOTE OF MEETING, 23 MARCH 1994, TOWN HALL, 7PM

DOG FOULING CDC senior Dog Warden, Mr Hosband, responding to an invitation to address the PC, said that after the success of Banbury's 25 dog litter bins, 77 parishes were offered a free trial. 27 responded, including Deddington, which will have two bins, to be installed in time for the publicity about Environmental Week, 20-30 May. Fines have now been stepped up to £500, and warning stickers will be delivered to the Parish Clerk when available. PC can institute its own by-laws relating to any ground owned wholly or in part by the Parish. If persistent offenders are reported, prosecution will follow. [THE BEST WAY TO REDUCE DOG FOULING IS TO MAKE IT EASY TO COMPLY AND COSTLY TO OFFEND - NCS]

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PARISH COUNCIL....

CLLR RAY BARLOW PC honoured the memory of the late Ray Barlow by standing in silence.
COAT OF ARMS A sample of the commemorative tankard was approved.
BEST KEPT VILLAGE First inspection visit in May. Judging in June.
WAR MEMORIAL There is little support for the proposed move of the War Memorial from the Churchyard to the Market Place. No further action.
TRAFFIC CALMING OCC still want £1500 to design the Earls Lane scheme. Clerk to seek alternative quotes from consulting engineers. OCC do not want on-site discussions on Chapel Square or New Street, and suggest that PC should appoint its own consulting engineer on the latter and pay for traffic lights at the former. The matter will be taken up with D/Cllr Matthews.
HEMPTON FOOTPATH/CYCLE TRACK The contractor's bill was higher than the quote, and there is more work to be done. PC will not pay until satisfied that all is in order. **Parishioners should note that it is not a bridle path and horses should not use it.**
HOLLY TREE CLUB Work is virtually complete. The legal agreement for PC to take over the building should be signed shortly.

LOW COST HOUSING Only 9 applications have been received. A plan for the preferred site is now drafted. Anybody interested should contact Cllr Clinch (38711) or Cllr Oddy (38364).

PLANNING AND PROPERTY *1. Wesleyan Hall* - change of use to residential: no objection but concern expressed about parking, access, possible intrusion on adjacent properties. *2. Tuckers Country Store* - conversion of top floor into flat: no objection, but concern about parking. PC noted that the Hudson St development, now approved, will displace about 30 extra cars into parking areas already under pressure. *3. The Beeches, Earls Lane* - new house and double garage on plot 14: PC objected, as this would well exceed the 150 square metre limit previously imposed. *4. Leadenporch Farm, Clifton* - erection of two more chicken sheds and ancillary work: PC to forward its objections to all members of CDC Development Committee. *5. Boulderdyke Farm, Clifton* - dwelling on plot 3: CDC refused permission.
RETURN OF PAID CHEQUES Barclays now levy a charge for this service. District Auditor will accept cheque stubs in lieu, if signed by two PC members at the time the cheque is signed, and subject to all payments being minuted and checkable at any time.
INVESTMENT OF PARISH FUNDS £450,000 at 7.1% variable until 27 April 1995.
£182,000 at 4.5625% fixed until 28 March 1994. £110 at 0.5% on 14 days.
£40,412 at 2.625% overnight. TOTAL £672,522.
VICTIM SUPPORT - PC to contribute £100, as before.
COUNCIL FOR THE PRESERVATION OF RURAL ENGLAND £15 annual subscription to be renewed.

SPECIAL MEETING ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION, WEDNESDAY 30 MARCH, 1994, TOWN HALL, 7.30PM

The meeting was called so that representatives from the County & District Councils could put their respective cases. PC would then formulate its submission to the Local Government Commission for England, which has been set up by Parliament to look at County and District councils. The Commission's task is to see whether some changes might be necessary and consider how many councils there should be in an area.

The County Council representative, Terry Scott, said that although `no change' is an option, OCC had studied the reality of communities in Oxfordshire; the scale, quality and costs of the services required; the costs of the different options for change; the ease of carrying them out and how long the payback periods would be. Their conclusion was that there should be a single, central, strategic authority for the whole of Oxfordshire, combined with local self-government. The central authority would be big enough to deal as an equal with other organisations and cost less to run than smaller councils. Central strategic services would include highway maintenance, fire and rescue, land use, transport planning, trading standards, waste management, economic development and policing. Local democracy and local communities would be strengthened, with more decisions being taken at town and parish level. The costs of these changes could be recouped in a single year, and they would be relatively easy to do.

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PARISH COUNCIL...

Grahame Handley, Chief Executive of Cherwell District Council, argued the case for a structure based on four new Unitary Councils covering the existing Oxford City area, the existing Cherwell District, the existing South Oxfordshire District, and Vale/West - a combined area covering the Districts of West Oxfordshire and the Vale of the White Horse. The Councils of the present five Districts agree with this proposal, which is based on well-recognised and natural divisions of the county and would balance costs and efficiency with local identity. Quality of services would improve, with fewer running costs. The cost of making these changes would be recovered within four or five years, which was also the true figure for the County Council proposal.

In discussion, it was clear that both representatives believed that their proposed schemes would offer more and cost less. The key questions were - is change needed at all? and if so, exactly how will the parish of Deddington benefit? No definitive answers emerged. Parish Councillors present at the meeting have unanimously agreed to align themselves with the proposals for four new Unitary Councils.

The Commission is expected to publish its own draft proposals for Oxfordshire in May or June. The closing date for comments is likely to be July, and final proposals should be published at the end of September. Any changes will have to be approved by Government and Parliament before they can be acted on.

SPECIAL MEETING, WEDNESDAY 13 APRIL 1994, WINDMILL CENTRE, 7PM

THE PARISH APPRAISAL

Jim Flux, Chairman of the Appraisal Group, presented the main findings and recommendations to the Parish Council. He said that the Parish Appraisal Project drew a positive response from over 66% of the households in the Parish of Deddington with Hempton and Clifton. In addition to the responses to the actual questions, there were some 55 typed pages of comments. This level of response demonstrates a solid core of concern for the environment, status and future of our community, and is more than adequate to counterbalance the apathy of a minority. The questionnaire encouraged people to think more closely on current problems and to speculate on their needs for the future. In particular, through its confidentiality, it enabled the reticent majority to air their opinions and desires.

The Parish Council agreed that the Appraisal findings and recommendations will be presented to the community at a PUBLIC MEETING which will immediately follow the 7.30pm Annual Parish Meeting on WEDNESDAY 11 MAY in the Windmill Centre.
ARE YOU ONE OF THE 400 WHO SAY THEY DON'T KNOW ENOUGH ABOUT THE ALLOCATION OF THE PARISH FUNDS? ONE OF THE 258 WHO WANT A SWIMMING CLUB, OR THE 154 WHO WOULD LIKE TO SEE A RAMBLING CLUB FORMED? ARE YOU ONE OF THE 322 WHO NEVER USE THE WINDMILL CENTRE?
THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO MEET THE NEWLY ELECTED PARISH COUNCILLORS, TO DISCUSS THE APPRAISAL FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS, AND TO GET ACTION.

PLAYGROUP FENCE - PC to abandon attempts to get a start date out of the present contractor, cancel and start again. J Spencer's quote of £2,530 was accepted.
EARLS LANE TRAFFIC CALMING - PC now has consultants' quote of £1000 for design work, bills of quantity etc. This is £500 better than the OCC quote. Before going any further, the PC will consult Earls Lane residents on the proposals.
MRS JOAN ROBINS - PC expressed deep regret at the death of Mrs Joan Robins, the proposer of the Coat of Arms Project. Subject to the agreement of their daughter Catherine, Mr and Mrs Robins will be commemorated by a plaque on the Town Hall, close to the Coat of Arms [WHICH WAS UNVEILED ON 16 APRIL - NCS]
FOOTBALL - PC Keats's application for a grant for the new Junior Football Team was approved in the sum of £275. PC congratulated Deddington Town Football Club on winning the Sam Waters Cup [AND A WEEK LATER, THE HARTWELLS CUP! - NCS].
NEXT MEETING - Wednesday 27 April, the last before the Parish Council elections.

NORMAN STONE 38019

FROM THE EDITOR'S POSTBAG

No bouquets or brickbats this month! Not even an opinion!! We look forward to a change in this surprising state of affairs soon.

The following appreciations have been received.

MR. RAYMOND BARLOW, HEMPTON HOUSE, HEMPTON
Anne and Joanna would like to thank all friends and neighbours for their kindness and support on our sad loss, of husband and father Ray, on March 1st 1994, after losing a long and courageous battle against cancer. We have received letters, tributes and offers of help from so many that we cannot mention you all individually so please accept this as a personal heartfelt thanks.

FROM MRS. B.E. BELSHAM, 15 THE DAEDINGS, DEDDINGTON
Mrs. Belsham and Family would like to thank everyone for their help, kindness and prayers during their recent sad loss.

FROM J.H. REYNOLDS, "CORNERWAYS", CHAPEL SQUARE, DEDDINGTON
John Reynolds and Family wish to thank the many people who have both sent and verbally expressed their obviously very sincere condolences for the loss of Irene on the 27th March at the Horton hospital with most of her nearest present. We were not surprised that most sympathisers dwelt upon the fact that she will be almost as great a loss to the community as to us. Her chief aim in life was to make her fellows happy.

THANKS.... Deddington Museum wishes to thank Mrs. Mary Bignold for the gift of a print of Deddington Parish Church and a nineteenth century bayonet with scabbard

LEARNING ABOUT LIPREADING If you are interested in attending a course in Deddington or would just like to know more about lipreading, come along to an information drop-in at the Holly Tree Club, Horse Fair, Deddington, on Thursday, 12th May, at 10.30 a.m. Further information from Val Gainsley, 0295-266095.

NEW - DROP-IN COFFEE MORNING Starting on Friday, 13th May, a weekly coffee morning will be held in the function room of The Unicorn from 10.00-12.00 with Bring & Buy, Cake and Book stalls. Any proceeds will go to **Katharine House Hospice** - a good occasion to meet old, and make new, acquaintances among fellow Deddingtonians.

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May Services (Parish Church).

Sun 1 10.30am Family Communion.
Wed 4 10am Holy Communion
Thu 5 11.15am Holy Communion at St. Anne's Home, Clifton
Sun 8 No Services (see below).
Wed 11 10am Holy Communion 11.15am Holy Communion at Featherton House
Sun 15 8am Holy Communion (BCP) 10.30am Sung Matins (BCP)
Wed 18 10am Holy Communion
Sun 22 PENTECOST (Whit Sunday) 10.30am Sung Eucharist.
Wed 25 10am Holy Communion followed by Healing Service
Fri 27 Midday prayers and meditation.
Sun 29 10.30am Sung Eucharist.

May Services (St. John).

Sun 1 9am Eucharist Sun 8 No Service (see below).
Thu 12 ASCENSION DAY 8pm Holy Communion.
Sun 22 6pm Evensong (BCP). Sun 29 No Service.

Deanery Eucharist May 8.

There are *no services* in this parish on Sun May 8. You are invited to attend the Deanery Festival Eucharist in St Mary's, Banbury, at 10am. The preacher will be Mr Michael Hawkes, head of the Asia/Pacific Dept. of Christian Aid.

Car Boot Sale in aid of Children's Church Funds. Saturday, May 7 from 10am - 1pm on the School playground. Pre-book price £4.50, £5.50 on the day. Please contact Gale Cripps (0295 810448).

Youth Fellowship - will meet at Hempton Church on Sun. May 8 at 5.30pm. We shall then go to Adderbury Parish Church for Taize worship beginning at 6pm.

Non-Communion Services.

The church's principle service is the Eucharist (holy Communion). If you are not a communicant and would prefer a non-communion service we provide these on the third Sunday (Morning Prayer in Deddington) and the fourth Sunday (Evening Prayer at Hempton) of every month. You are welcome to attend these. For times, see above.

Welcome to Deddington's new Organist and Choir Director.

Mrs Linda Bloxham B.Mus (Hons) took up the post on Sunday April 24. We wish her well

Kitchen and Toilet facilities are now in use in Deddington Church. We are grateful to the Parish Council for their help in financing the project.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS:

Baptism: April 10, in Deddington, ASHLEY WILLIAM SMITH.
Funerals: March 17, at Oxford Crematorium, FRANK FREDERICK BELSHAM, aged 83 years.

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DEDDINGTON WESLEYAN REFORM CHURCH, Chapel Square

May Services:

May 1 10.30am Holy Communion. Preacher - Pastor I. Walton.
Sun 8, 15 & 22 10.30am Preacher - Pastor I. Walton.
Sun 29 10.30am Preacher - Mel Walford from Hay-on-Wye.

We offer you a very warm welcome and a superb cup of coffee afterwards.

Fellowship groups: Mondays - 12.30pm Prayer (Venue, phone 38024 or 38447).
Wednesdays - 7.30pm Prayer and Bible-based discussion.

The Treasure Hunt game (Prize -W.H. Smith Voucher) at the Pudd'n'pie Fair was won by Mrs Dot Keys of the Daedings.

Back to Basics - Pastor Isobel Walton has given us this 1990's "update" of the Ten Commandments: 1. Love the Lord God. 2. Worship the Creator not created things. 3. Respect the name of God. 4. Keep one day a week for rest and worship. 5. Look after your parents and treat them well.
6. Uphold the sanctity of all human life. 7. Uphold the ideal of marriage and family life. 8. Respect the property of others. 9. Speak the Truth always. 10. Develop an attitude of generosity and love.

PASTOR ISABEL WALTON 38024 or 0926 640806

CHURCH AND CHAPEL cont.

DEDDINGTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, New Street

A warm welcome awaits you. Sunday evening worship 6pm. Sunday school 10.30am. Alternate Tuesday afternoon fellowship 2.30pm. Speakers as follows:

3 May - Miss Welby 17 May Mrs S. Waterson 31 May Mr J. Hermon.

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Sunday Mass times:- 9am Mass at Adderbury.
10am Sung Mass at Hethe. (Normally Latin on 1st Sunday of month)
11am Latin Mass at Hethe.

FRANK STEINER 38264

INTER-CHURCH ACTIVITIES.

Christian Aid Week May 16-21.

Representatives of the churches in the Parish will be making the annual house-to-house collection to help the poor and hungry of the world. Please give generously. We need more volunteers to help with the collection. If you can help, please contact Janet Pratt (37164). In conjunction with this, Elizabeth Tothill is holding a Traidcraft day at Grove House, High Str. on May 19 10am -12noon and 2-4.30pm. Third World produce (tea, coffee etc.) at competitive prices.

World Concern Group - will meet at 7.45pm on Fri May 13 in the Wesleyan Reform Church. The speaker will be Rev. Godson Okoroudo from Eastern Nigeria. He will be sharing his views on justice, peace and the environment. Details from Christopher Hall (38225).

Ecumenical Prayer Group - will meet at 7.45pm on Mon May 9 in the Wesleyan Reform Church. This group prays particularly for local problems and issues.

TRIBUTES

FRANK FREDERICK BELSHAM

Frank worked for 40 years for North Thames Gas Board, with a break to volunteer for the RAF at the outbreak of World War II. He trained as a navigator and flew on active service until he was invalided out, at the rank of Warrant Officer. Afterwards he worked on behalf of War Pensioners to ensure they received their true entitlement. In later years he was Vice-Chairman of the Oxfordshire War Pensioners Committee. He was a dedicated family man, married to Beatrice for 57 years to whom with their son, daughter and grandchildren, he was devoted.

HEWITT WILSON.

IRENE REYNOLDS

It is with much regret that we record Irene's death in March. She was one of these kind and helpful people who went about doing their share quietly and reliable. She was a member of the Singers and the WI. Irene was a gifted artist who did exquisite flower pictures in water-colour and as a photographer she won prizes; her work was chosen for the WI calendar several times. She was a keen and knowledgeable gardener. Our sympathy goes to John and the family. We shall miss her a great deal.

MARIANNE ELSLEY

Irene Reynolds will be remembered during morning service at the Parish Church on June 12.

MICK AND JOAN ROBINS

We were very sad to lose both Mick and Joan Robins within the space of a few months.
They came to Deddington in 1973 and in their 21 years here contributed a great deal to the life of the community. After retiring from Industry, Mick taught English as a second language and was Vice Principal of a Language School in Oxford. In the village he was active in the Bowling Club and was its President for some ten years. Both he and Joan took part in the monthly Play-readings and were devoted gardeners.
Joan, who was awarded the OBE for furthering the cause of women in Industry, had an active and varied career. She was Chief Home Service Adviser to the Gas Board, the only woman on the executive, and, working with Philip Harben for many years, she broke new ground as a TV chef in the late forties! As treasurer of the International Council of Women, she fought tenaciously for equal rights for women. We in Deddington are indebted to her for organising the Coat of Arms for the village and it was so sad that she did not live long enough to share the celebrations in April. They will both be much missed.

MARIANNE ELSLEY.

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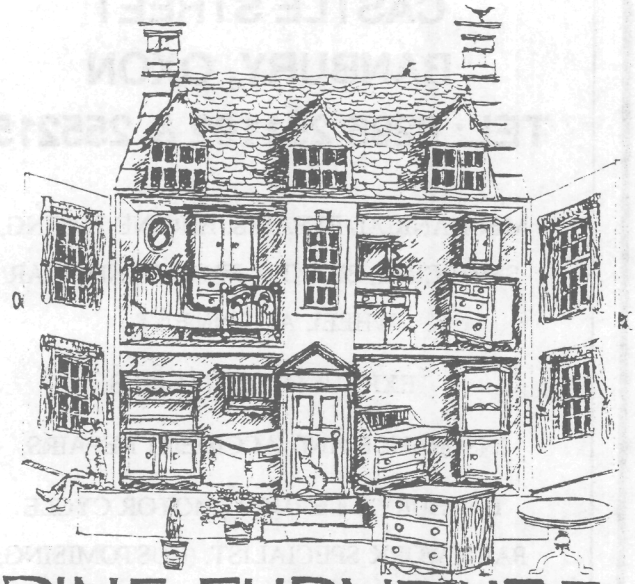

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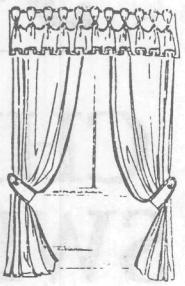

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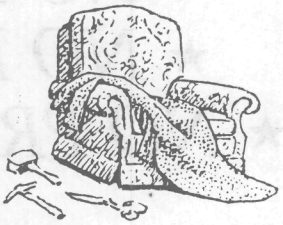

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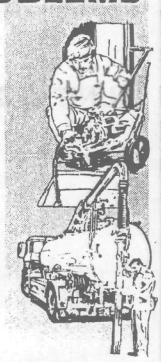

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1st MAY - Another most beautiful and interesting day. This morning the re-consecration of Bodicote Chapel took place when the Warden of New College preached in the morning and I myself in the evening to crowded congregations - the morning one consisting of the neighbouring Gentry and Clergy for several miles around, as well as many most respectable families from Banbury and some from this place and Adderbury - the other in the evening consisted of the bulk of the poor of the Parish, as well as 6 or 7 of the neighbouring Clergy and many respectable individuals from Banbury and Adderbury. The collection in the Church amounted to £ 140 - after the service was over the plates at the altar were increased by the additional sum of £ 68 more or less. In the evening the collection amounted to £ 17-10-0., which was reckoned a good one considering the rank in life of by far the largest part of the congregation. All things passed off remarkably well, and we had much to be thankful for to a kind providence.

2nd MAY - Went to Hook Norton and lionised the Church, which is a most noble and interesting structure but in a miserable state of dilapidation, barring the Tower which is one of the best specimens of a Gothic Tower in the neighbourhood - I did nothing but look at it with delight.

7th MAY - The Teetotallers had their annual muster, went to the Independent Chapel to hear a sermon - there were not many in number.

9th MAY - The Wesleyans held their annual Missionary Meeting, Mr. Faulkener in the Chair. Wrote to young P.Walsh, the Solicitor at Oxford, my sentiments about the projected line of Railway from Oxford to Rugby by the Great Western Company.

16 MAY - I drove down to Adderbury to find poor Mrs. Cotton dangerously ill, Mr. Griffin the surgeon said that 24 hours more would decide the issue ...

17th MAY - A second deputation from the Great Western Railway Company waited on me respecting their intended line from Oxford to Rugby - to which I am inclined in preference to the Birmingham line.

20th MAY - Susan, I and Robert went to Priors Marston to stay with Miss Bradshaw and found her as well as we could expect her to be at her time of life, in short with no ailments beyond old age and its attendant debility of body and mind.

21st MAY - Called on my way home at poor dear Mrs. Cotton's, whom I was grieved to find was no better but if anything in a sinking state...

23rd MAY - Drove to Adderbury and found Mrs. Cotton poor dear soul wishing to see me and weaker than she was yesterday. I took a long and a last farewell of her - she was sensible, peaceful, resigned and happy. (In fact Mrs. Cotton lived for another two months. She was the widow of Rev. Cotton Risley's Uncle who had been Vicar of Adderbury and to whom the family was very close.)

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Chacombe(h)	Lost 2-4	M.Downing, P.Waller

The team have had a slightly better month but are still in severe relegation trouble. They require 3 wins from the last 5 games to ensure safety, but are confident they can do it. Marcus Downing leads the scoring with 5.

Sunday 1st Team Results

MR Sports(h)(Hartwells Cup)	Won 4-2(aet)	N.Coles(3),A.Shepherd
Interlink(h)(Norbar Shield)	Lost 1-2	I.Skuce
Chacombe Res(h)	Won 3-1	M.Springall,N.Coles,A.Shepherd
Chinnor Exiles(Sam Waters Cup Final)	Won 4-0	N.Coles(2),M.Springall,G.Harrison
Jolly Weavers (Hartwell Cup Final)	Won 2-1	M.Springall,K.Mitchell

The Sunday side have achieved the ultimate in terms of success this season. At Oxford City's stadium on 10 April, Deddington won the greatest prize in soccer at this level by winning the Sam Waters Cup. This competition covers the whole of Oxfordshire. Success of this magnitude was last achieved by Deddington over 80 years ago! In the final Deddington played against Chinnor Exiles of the Wycombe league, who were last season's runners up. Deddington produced a superb performance and won by four goals to nil. Two early goals gave Deddington the perfect start, scored by Matthew Springall and Gary Harrison. Victory was sealed in the 2nd half by Neil Coles scoring two penalties. Over 500 spectators witnessed this superb match in what is probably Deddington's greatest day in their history. The club would like to say a big thank-you to all those spectators who supported the team in the final and all the previous rounds. The side have also successfully retained the Hartwells Cup(played at Easington Sports FC).

The Sunday Reserve Side

Barbarians(a)	Drew 1-1	D.Cowley
Charlatans(h)	Won 5-0	

A good season with leading scorer Kelvin Mitchell(19).
The winner of "The Coat of Arms Cake" was Jan Boyt.

STEVE PLUMBE 38512

BROWNIES

It is a while since I have written a report, but the Pack has been as active as ever.Laura Hackett and Scarlett Hampton have made their Promises to become full members, Lara Debenham has joined the Guides and sadly Beth and Hannah Chard and Sophie Housley have left. Leonie Dancer has joined this term. For most of last term, Maggie Rampley has run her popular First Aid course and those taking part have practised on the resuscitation dummy and have learnt the new recovery position. Those not old enough for First Aid have taken the Safety-in-the-Home badge; seven Brownies have passed their Jester Badge and another seven the House Orderly Badge. So everybody gained at least one badge last term. By request there was also a competition for the Best Six and the Best Brownie for the term. The Elf Six won the first and Shona Ross the second.
Ten Brownies attended the Mothering Sunday service and nine formed part of the Guard of Honour for the Coat of Arms celebration. We plan to go to the St.George's Day parade, visit Jubilee House and go to Brownie revels on July 1st.
Many thanks to my loyal helpers, Holly Jones and Corinne White and to Sue Steven who has joined us recently. Sheena Casson has also helped out and Pat Brown is currently helping Brownies with the Needlecraft Badge. We are all kept very busy at meetings by a lively group of Brownies - never a dull moment!

VIVIEN PLEYDELL-BOUVERIE 38269

DEDDINGTON PLAYERS

The Players are hoping to present the late mediaeval play "Everyman" in the church on 2 July as part of an afternoon of varied entertainment. We still have one or two small parts in the play to cast, so now is your chance to make your stage debut. For information phone me, please.

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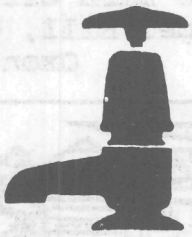

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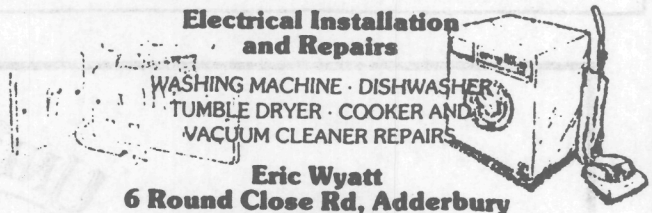

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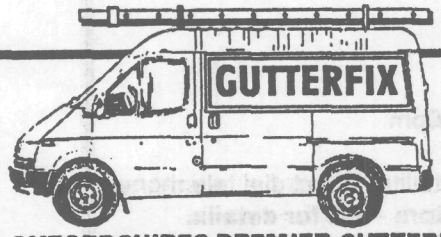

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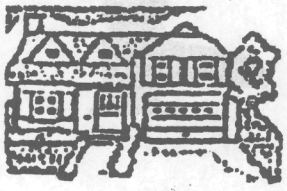

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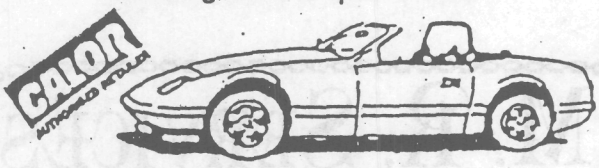

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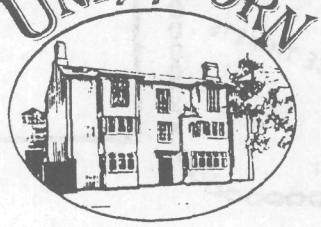

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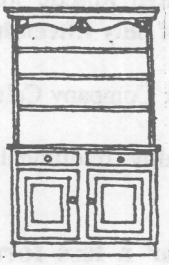

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MAUREEN DEW, CHAIRWOMAN BDAS 38951

DEDDINGTON PLAYGROUP

Thank you to everyone who supported our Fashion Show; we raised £225 for our funds. Some of the money will be used to buy a new slide for our garden. A big thank you to Mrs. Simons for opening the school for us, and we are sorry you had a late night. The cake stall in March raised £53, and our thanks to those who gave and bought. Hannah Gibbons and Matthew Gibbs have left us to go to school. We wish them well and we welcome Gillian Ross, Emily Seal, Emily Rowlands and William and Patrick Woodhead.--- Has anyone got an old small filing cabinet they don't need? The Playgroup would like to have one; please contact me if you can help.

TRACY ROGERS 38726

UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

Mr. Leslie Pollard was the speaker at our first meeting in April. He explained the main elements of Psychology. This inspired members to buy a copy of his book so that the principles could be studied more closely. At the last meeting in April Mrs. Sheila Stewart spoke most entertainingly about her latest book "Ram'ling Rose". Another Sunday Luncheon trip will be arranged shortly. We will also be organising two "outside" visits this summer. If you would like to have further details of the club, please contact the Chairman, Mrs. Dorothy Clarke (37101) or me.

PAT BRITTAIN 38685

DEDDINGTON GARDENERS

Deddington Gardeners mourns the loss of three of its most loyal supporters and organisers : Joan and Mick Robins and Sir Brian Kellett. Betty Hill and I will do our best to resume organisation of the club and any offers of help and ideas for events and speakers would be welcome.

ELIZABETH TOTHILL 38186

DEDDINGTON WI

We are very sad about Irene Reynolds' death. She was a much valued member of the WI and we shall miss her a lot.
After much research WI members managed to produce some Pudding-Pies for their stall at the Fair. Mary Vane Turner says of them in her book:"Deddington folk were supposed to save up all the scrapings from the candle drippings in the lanterns to put in the pies. You could tie a label to one and send it through the post a hundred miles, it was so hard." The crust was supposed to be very hard, made with suet and the filling a sort of bread pudding. Ah well, we hope that all those who tried them still have their teeth intact.
We were glad to be back at the HTC in April and the next meeting will be on 10 May, when we shall discuss the Resolutions for the AGM.

MARIANNE ELSLEY 38251

DEDDINGTON SINGERS

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Mrs. Irene Reynolds who was a most loyal member of our choir for many years. Our sympathy goes to her husband John and his family. We will miss her very much.
We will have a musical evening on Monday, 16 May, 7.45 pm at the Holly Tree Club and invite friends and visitors to join us. Refreshments will be served.

BETTY CAPORN 38402

NEWS FROM HEMPTON

Nobody has given me any news this month. I get the impression that most of my neighbours have been indoors, sheltering from the wind and rain, nursing coughs and colds. I hope they will emerge to vote at the elections on 5 May. It is sad that nobody from Hempton is standing to continue Ray Barlow's work for our community, but we should be able to find others on the list whom we know and respect. If we do not vote we must not be surprised if we are ignored in the future.

We intend to have another shot at a Mile of Pennies (or Copper Mile) on Monday 30 May. There will be teas and the usual raffle and stalls in the afternoon and, we hope, something to amuse the children. Everybody will be very welcome. Pam Dodd will be glad to accept any contributions to bottle, cake or plant stalls, or prizes, beforehand.

Recent news about the increase of rats raises the question "Should we put out so much food for foxes?" Do we thereby risk encouraging rats? Does the presence of foxes discourage rats? I know foxes take rabbits, poultry - indeed all kinds of birds - also mice, frogs and beetles, but would a fox tackle a rat?

It would be nice if someone, preferably from a younger generation, would take over this column for a change. Some help with distribution to the Eastern half of Hempton would also be appreciated. This magazine only plops through your letter-box after a great deal of voluntary effort on the part of a great many people.

NAN HARRIS (38039)

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ALBERT HUMPHRIES (38943)

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Th 2	Banbury Art Society. Tim Martin on Wood'n Things, Marlborough Rd, 7.30p.m.
Fri 3	Final Judging, Best Kept Village competition.
Sat 4	British Legion: Jefferson Kane.
Th 9	EURO ELECTIONS.
Sun 12	Concert by the Adderbury Ensemble in St. Mary's Church, Adderbury, 7.45 p.m.
Tu 14	"Bears and Prayers", Mother's Union family event ,Broughton Castle , 11a.m.
Wed 15	U3A: Wendy Veale on Swiss cheeses, 2.30 p.m. at the Windmill Centre.
Sat 18	Deddington Gardeners' outing to the Oxford Botanical gardens.
Tu 21	COPY DATE FOR JULY DEDDINGTON NEWS.
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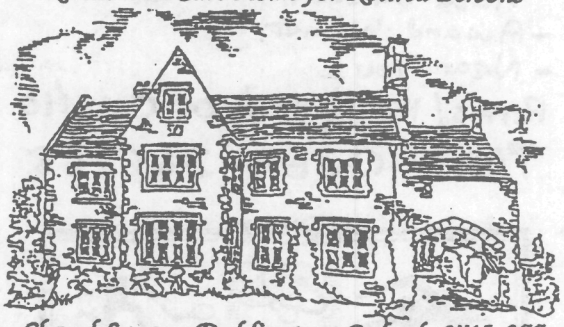

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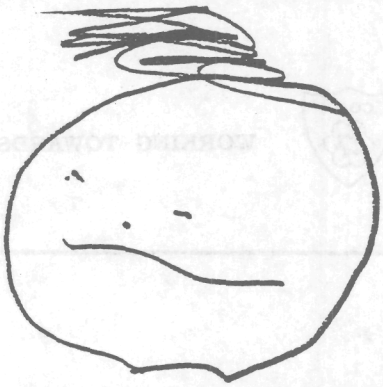

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